

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 2, line 10, after "shaft." please add the following new paragraph:

Preferably, said drive assembly includes a head attached to an upper portion of said rod and via which said rod is driven, and a nut mounted internally of said sleeve and fixed thereto, with the rod threadably engaged with the nut so that rotation of the head causes the nut to apply force to said compaction member to cause said compaction member to move down said shaft.

Page 2, line 15, after "sleeve." please add the following new paragraph:

Preferably, said shaft is square or rectangular in transverse cross-section and said sleeve is square or rectangular in transverse cross section so as to be complimentary with respect to said shaft so as to prevent relative rotation therebetween about said rod.

Page 2, line 20 (as numbered), please amend the paragraph as:

A preferred from of the present invention will now be described by way of example only with reference to the accompanying drawings wherein:

Page 3, line 26, please amend the paragraph as:

In use of the above described pier 10, the surfaces 25 are engaged so that the compaction member 15 is driven rotationally in the direction of the arrow 27. This rotation of the compaction member 16 drives the auger member 11 so that the shaft 12 enters a ground surface. At a desired depth driving of the shaft 12 ceases Thereafter the head 23 is rotatably driven so that the compaction member 16 is moved in the direction of the arow 28. The

compaction part 18 engages the soil surface and compacts the soil surface surrounding the shaft 12.